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SUBJ: THIRD QUARTER BUDGET SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

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1. PRIME MINISTER HAS ASKED THAT WE DEPOSIT MAXIMUM AMOUNT POSSIBLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BUDGET DIRECTOR IS NOT IN COUNTRY, SO WE CANNOT OBTAIN CURRENT READING ON CASH FLOW SITUATION. HOWEVER, PRIME MINISTER HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT USUAL PROBLEMS EXIST AND GOJ WILL BE JUGGLING ACCOUNTS TO MAKE ENDS MEET.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE DEPOSIT LARGEST AMOUNT POSSIBLE UNDER CRA. REF. C INDICATES IT IS POSSIBLE TO DEPOSIT TWO-THIRDS OF THIRD-QUARTER PAYMENT. IT DOES NOT EXPLAIN BASIS FOR MAKING CALCULATION. HOWEVER, IF POSSIBLE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND DEPOSIT OF \$15 MILLION. WE HAVE THUS-FAR DEPOSITED TOTAL OF \$30 MILLION FROM FY-75 FUNDS. ASSUMING FULL APPROPRIATION OF \$77.5 MILLION REQUESTED, \$67.5 MILLION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BUDGET SUPPORT AND \$10 MILLION FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. CONSEQUENTLY, \$37.5 MILLION REMAINS TO BE DEPOSITED AS BUDGET SUPPORT. A TRANCHE OF \$15 MILLION
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WOULD THUS BE REASONABLE PROPORTION OF AMOUNT REMAINING.

IF APPROPRIATIONS ARE BELOW AUTHORIZATION LEVEL,
\$15 MILLION DEPOSIT WOULD ALSO APPEAR TO BE SAFE.

3. WHILE ABOVE ECONOMIC ARGUMENTS MAKE DEPOSIT OF
\$15 MILLION A PLAUSIBLE AND DEFENSABLE MOVE AT PRESENT
TIME, PRINCIPAL FACTOR IS NEED FOR A CONTINUING US
DEMONSTRATION OF FULL SUPPORT OF JORDAN. RABAT SUMMIT
CONFERENCE AND ITS AFTERMATH, AS EXPLAINED TO KING AND
PM RIFAI BY SECRETARY DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, HAVE MADE IT
EVEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR US TO ACCORD HIGH PRIORITY TO OUR
BILATERAL RELATIONS. WITH SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF FUNDING
BEING RELEASED NOW FOR EGYPT AND SYRIA, TO SAY
NOTHING OF ANNUAL SHOWER OF FUNDS ON ISRAEL, IT IS IM-
PORTANT FOR US TO PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT SHARE OF CRA TO
JORDAN TO DEMONSTRATE THAT OUR INTERESTS IN AREA ARE
BALANCED AND THAT MODERATE ARAB STATES DO NOT INCUR
PENALTIES FROM US BY CONTINUING TO BE BOTH MODERATE AND
FRIENDLY TO US. DEPT. WILL OF COURSE NOTE THAT JORDAN
PROMISED \$300 MILLION BY RABAT SUMMIT AND THAT UP TO
\$175 MAY BE REALIZED IN 1975. HOWEVER, NONE OF THESE
FUNDS HAS AS OF NOW APPEARED AND THAT THEY ARE IN
JORDAN'S VIEW TO BE USED FOR MILITARY DEFENSE PURPOSES
AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL BUDGET SUPPORT.
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